

### **PRESS RELEASE**

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# KLIEMT.Arbeitsrecht wins employment law team from Greenberg Traurig and expands Berlin

KLIEMT.Arbeitsrecht strengthens its Berlin office by recruiting an employment law team from Greenberg Traurig. Together with the well-known partner Dr. Kara Preedy, two further partners Konradin Pleul and Holger Faust as well as other team members will be joining KLIEMT.Arbeitsrecht. The Berlin KLIEMT team will thus grow to a total of 16 professionals and will move into new, larger premises in August 2024.

KLIEMT.Arbeitsrecht is continuing its expansion course, this time at its Berlin office where it brings a well-established employment law team on board, including Dr. Kara Preedy (53), Konradin Pleul (40) and Holger Faust (43). Together with four associates from Greenberg Traurig, they will be joining the Berlin office of KLIEMT.Arbeitsrecht. The transfer of Dr. Kara Preedy and Konradin Pleul will already take place in mid-March; the rest of the team will then follow successively in the coming weeks. Specializing in advising companies on employment law, the team focuses on supporting transactions, restructurings and transformations, the design and implementation of new remuneration and working time models, issues relating to the external workforce as well as collective bargaining law, new work and employee data protection. Dr. Kara Preedy and Konradin Pleul will become partners at KLIEMT; Holger Faust will become Principal Counsel, which corresponds to Local Partner at other law firms. At KLIEMT, they will join a nine-strong employment law team led by the experienced partners Stefan Fischer and Dr. Jessica Jacobi.

With this move, KLIEMT's Berlin office will grow to a total of 16 lawyers: the four partners Dr. Kara Preedy, Stefan Fischer, Dr. Jessica Jacobi and Konradin Pleul, Holger Faust as Principal Counsel as well as three Counsel and eight associates. KLIEMT. Arbeits recht will thereby become one of the largest employment law units on the market also in Berlin.

In August 2024, KLIEMT. Arbeitsrecht in Berlin will move from its long-standing location at Monbijouplatz to larger premises at Dorotheenstraße 33/Charlottenstraße 42. Located on the sixth and seventh floor, the new offices initially offer space for around 20 lawyers, with additional office space for the planned further expansion. Meeting rooms and the spacious roof terrace offer a view of the Reichstag and Gendarmenmarkt.

**Prof. Dr. Michael Kliemt**, one of the firm's founders and a member of the management board, is delighted about the new addition: "I am particularly pleased that we have succeeded in gaining Dr. Kara Preedy, one of the most renowned employment lawyers in Germany, who also enjoys an excellent international reputation. It is a particular stroke of luck for us that at the same time, Konradin Pleul and Holger Faust, two of the younger generation of ambitious employment lawyers, also join the team." **Dr. Kara Preedy:** "We are very much looking forward to joining the market leader in employment law in order to further expand the Berlin office of KLIEMT.Arbeitsrecht together with the Berlin partners Stefan Fischer and Dr. Jessica Jacobi. I was particularly impressed by KLIEMT.Arbeitsrecht's ability to innovate and its very broad international positioning." **Konradin Pleul** adds: "The rapid development of the German capital, the labor market in the



metropolitan region, but also regarding legal advice in general offer exciting opportunities. In one of the largest employment law units, we will be ideally positioned in the future to support these developments for our clients in the best possible way." **Stefan Fischer**, partner at the Berlin office and also a member of the Management Board, is also looking forward to the new colleagues: "With Kara, Konradin and Holger and the rest of the team, we will form an even more powerful unit in the future."

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Dr. Kara Preedy was previously a partner/shareholder at Greenberg Traurig, where she was head of the employment law practice and co-chair of the employment law practice group in Europe. She joined Greenberg Traurig in 2019 from the employment law boutique Pusch Wahlig, where she was a partner in Berlin for over ten years. She previously worked at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton. Dr. Kara Preedy, who is ranked among the leading employment lawyers in Germany by Chambers and Partners and JUVE, is the German Board Member of the European Employment Lawyers Association (EELA).

**Konradin Pleul** was previously a partner/shareholder at Greenberg Traurig. Prior to that, he worked for the employment law boutique Pusch Wahlig in Berlin for around ten years, since 2018 as Counsel.

**Holger Faust** was - before joining Greenberg Traurig in 2019, where he is a local partner - counsel and associate at Pusch Wahlig in Berlin since 2012 and previously an associate in employment law at Mayer Brown in Frankfurt am Main.

## **About KLIEMT.Arbeitsrecht**

With then about 95 lawyers working exclusively in employment law, KLIEMT. Arbeits recht is the largest law firm specializing in employment law in Germany. The law firm was founded in 2002 as a spin-off of a team led by Prof. Dr. Michael Kliemt and Dr. Oliver Vollstädt from the Düsseldorf office of Clifford Chance. With offices in Düsseldorf, Frankfurt am Main, Munich, Berlin and Hamburg, the firm is now one of the market leaders in employment law. More than half of the DAX companies, a large number of successful German midsized companies and many global corporations rely on the employment law expertise of KLIEMT. Arbeits recht.

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KLIEMT.Arbeitsrecht has been viewed as one of the top law firms in employment law for many years by the leading handbooks for commercial law firms, e.g. by JUVE, Legal 500 or Chambers, and is ranked in Tier 1.

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